

The background features a large, faint watermark of the Southern Lehigh School District logo. The logo is circular and contains the text "SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT" at the top and "CENTER VALLEY, PA" at the bottom. In the center of the logo is a shield with a book and a torch.

*Southern Lehigh School District  
PDE / DOH Updated Recommendations for  
Pre-K to 12 Schools Following COVID-19 Cases  
& PDE / DOH Attestation Form*

# Original PDE / DOH Recommendations

## Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19

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Level of Community Transmission in the County	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period: 1 student or 1 staff	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period: 2-4 students/staff in same school building <b>OR</b> <5% of total number of students/staff in a school building are cases <b>OR</b> Multiple school buildings with individual cases who are not household contacts	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period: 5+ students/staff in same school building <b>OR</b> ≥5% of total number of students/ staff in a school building are cases <b>OR</b> Multiple school buildings with 2-4 cases who are not household contacts
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-5 days*</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days*</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
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<b>Substantial</b>	<a href="#">DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</a>	<a href="#">DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</a>	<a href="#">DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</a>

→ On August 13, 2020 the Pennsylvania Department of Health & Pennsylvania Department of Education provided the following Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19.

### ◆ Categorized in Low, Moderate, & Substantial

- 1 Case - No Closure
- 2-4 Cases
  - Low (3 - 5 Day Closure)
  - Moderate (5 - 7 Day Closure)
- 5+ Cases
  - Low & Moderate (14 Day Closure)

### ◆ \*\* Substantial Spread recommended Full Remote

# PDE / DOH Updated Recommendations

- On 11/23/20, the PA DOH and PDE **UPDATED** the *Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19.*
- School Buildings are Now Broken Into **Three Different Classifications**
  - ◆ **Small** (< 500 Students)
  - ◆ **Medium** (500 - 900 Students)
  - ◆ **Large** (> 900 Students)
- The number of COVID-19 Positive Cases which would trigger a **SHIFT TO REMOTE INSTRUCTION** is **DEPENDENT** on where a School Buildings falls within these **Three Different Classifications** (Small, Medium, or Large)
  - ◆ **Small - 1-3 Cases (No Closure) 2-4 Cases (3-7 Days) 5+ Cases (14 Days)**
  - ◆ **Medium - 1-3 Cases (No Closure) 4-6 Cases (3-7 Days) 7+ Cases (14 Days)**
  - ◆ **Large - 1-3 Cases (No Closure) 6-10 Cases (3-7 Days) 11+ Cases (14 Days)**
    - According to PDE “If case investigations, contact tracing, and cleaning and disinfecting can be accomplished in a faster time frame, the length of closure time may be shortened.”

# *PDE / DOH Updated Recommendations*

- The PA DOH and PDE make it clear that both organizations still “recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission. Schools that choose to pursue in-person instruction or other models in which school-buildings are utilized by students and/or staff should follow the recommendations” in the UPDATED Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19 released on Monday 11/23/20.

## Recommendations for Small (<50 Students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19

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	1 student or 1 staff	2-4 students/staff in same school building who are not household contacts	5+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-5 days*</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days*</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
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## Recommendations for Medium (500-900 students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19

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Level of Community Transmission in the County	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:
	1-3 students or staff	4-6 students/staff in same school building who are not household contacts	7+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-5 days*</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days*</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
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## Recommendations for Large (>900 students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19

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Level of Community Transmission in the County	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:
	1-5 students or staff	6-10 students/staff in same school building who are not household contacts	11+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-5 days*</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days*</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
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# *Updated PA DOH/PDE Attestation Form*

- In addition to the updated *Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19*, the PA DOH and PDE announced on 11/23/20 that all school districts must complete and submit the following Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts by 11/30/20.
- This document requires that School District's attest that they will follow the recommendations outlined in the *Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19*.



### Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts

Whereas, the commonwealth is experiencing its highest daily case counts since the beginning of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, resulting in increased hospitalizations, nearly 10,000 deaths, and heightened risk to the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians;

Whereas, the Wolf Administration has identified new mitigation efforts, including an attestation process for public school entities that elect to continue in-person instruction for students in counties designated as exhibiting "Substantial" transmission of COVID-19 for two or more consecutive weeks based on a disease incidence rate of 100 or more cases per 100,000 residents and/or a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) percent positivity rate of 10 percent or greater;

Whereas, as of November 23, 2020, 59 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties met one or both of these standards;

Whereas, Pennsylvania [recommends that school entities in counties with Substantial disease transmission transition to remote-only instructional models](#);

Whereas, as of November 20, 2020, many public school entities have exercised their local discretion to continue in-person instruction for all or some students;

Whereas, the resurgence of COVID-19 across the nation, region, and commonwealth requires more consistent and intensive implementation of disease mitigation efforts;

Whereas, these mitigation efforts include an attestation process for any public school entity (a "public school entity" is defined as a school district, intermediate unit, charter school, cyber charter school, or a career and technical education center) that elects to continue in-person instruction as of November 30, 2020 while the county in which it is located is under a Substantial disease transmission designation for at least two consecutive weeks; and

Whereas, this attestation process supplements and does not supplant existing public health guidance issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, the president/chair of the school entity's governing board and chief school administrator, in accordance with the Order of the Secretary of Health dated November 24, 2020, entitled *Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public School Entities in Counties with Substantial Community Transmission to Attest to Health and Safety Protocols*, attest to one of the following (SELECT ONE OPTION):

All or some of the students within the public school entity are currently receiving in-person instruction and:

1. We have read the [Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#), effective November 18, 2020, including necessary exceptions and [associated guidance](#), and affirm the public school entity is complying and will continue to comply with and enforce the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania

Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings, including necessary exceptions and associated guidance; and

2. We have read and agree to follow [the Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#), when cases of COVID-19 occur within the public school entity.

OR

The public school entity has transitioned to a fully remote learning model and will continue to use a fully remote learning model until the county (or counties) in which the public school entity is located is no longer experiencing Substantial disease transmission for two consecutive weeks.

\*\*\* A public school entity in a county with Substantial level of disease transmission that is currently providing a fully remote learning model and that elects to transfer to in-person instruction must resubmit this attestation prior to providing in-person instruction.

affirms that it has attached this signed Attestation to its Local Health and Safety Plan (the "Plan") in order to reflect provisions above, and that, by doing so, this attestation becomes part of the Plan and has been or will be fully implemented by November 30, 2020, or three business days after the county in which the public school entity is located has been designated as exhibiting Substantial disease transmission for the first time, should the public school entity in a county with Substantial level of disease transmission for two or more consecutive weeks elect to offer or continue offering in-person instruction for all or some students; and

Further, the Local Health and Safety Plan, inclusive of this attestation, has been posted on the public school entity's publicly accessible website and filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education by email submission at [RA-EDCONTINUITYOFED@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EDCONTINUITYOFED@pa.gov).

Signed:

(Signature of Governing Board President/Chair)

(Signature of Chief School Administrator)

- President, Governing Board
- Chair, Governing Board

Chief School Administrator

(Printed Name of Governing Board President/Chair)

(Printed Name of Chief School Administrator)

Date Signed:

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